Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

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- Established by Senate Bill 376, Alpert (Chapter 828/1997)
- Amended by Senate Bill 366, Alpert (Chapter 735/1999)
- Requires that all students be tested:
 - in grades 2 through 11
 - in English
 - with a nationally-normed achievement test designated by SBE
 - between March 15 and May 15 each year

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Subjects to be tested:

- reading, writing, and mathematics at grades 2 through 11
- spelling at grades 2 through 8
- history-social science
 and science at grades 9, 10,
 and 11

STAR Primary Language Testing

- Required at grades 2–11 for Spanish-speaking limited English-proficient (LEP) students who have been enrolled in California public schools fewer than 12 months
- Is a district option for LEP students who have been enrolled longer than 12 months
- Must use primary language test designated by State Board
- Must also give Stanford 9, Form T, in English to all students in grades
 2-11, regardless of language fluency

STAR Tests To Be Administered

- ◆ Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition, Form T (SAT9) to all students in grades 2-11
- ◆ STAR augmentation to all students in grades 2-11
- Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, Second Edition (SABE/2)

- ◆ STAR augmentation covers language arts and mathematics at grades 2-11.
- ◆ Test questions aligned to content standards adopted by State Board of Education to augment the Stanford 9, Form T.

At Grades 2-7 and 11:

- All students take Stanford 9,
 Form T, and STAR augmentation for their grade level.
- All test items at each grade level in one test booklet.

At Grades 8, 9, and 10:

◆ All students take Stanford 9, Form T, (language arts, mathematics, spelling, historysocial science, and science) plus the augmented language arts items in one test booklet.

At Grades 8, 9, and 10:

- The augmented mathematics test tied to student enrollment in specific courses, but not to specific grade level.
- ◆ Scores for students in math classes above or below the test designated for their grade levels will be reported on individual reports, but will not be included in the school or district results for their grade levels.
- Students not enrolled in a specified course will not take the STAR augmentation.

- Six STAR augmentation options with separate test booklets are:
 - separate test content by discipline (traditional sequence)
 - algebra 1
 - geometry
 - algebra II
 - same content as traditional,
 organized differently (integrated sequence)
 - 1 st-year integrated
 - 2nd-year integrated
 - 3rd-year integrated



- The Stanford 9, Form T, and the STAR augmentation take about 7 hours to complete.
- ◆ The SABE/2 takes about 4 hours to complete.
- The questions are all multiple choice.
- ◆ Testing dates for our district are

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What parents can do to help their student:

- Have your student get plenty of rest.
- Provide a good breakfast.
- Encourage your student to do his or her best.

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- ◆ Parents will receive their student's results within 20 working days after the district receives them.
- Group results by grade level for each school, district, county, and the state will be posted on the Internet by July 15, 2000.